

BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

JOE WHEELER
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KELSO WA 98626

In Re the Matter of)	PDC Case No. 02-625
Joe Wheeler)	Findings of Fact,
)	Conclusions of Law and
Respondent.)	Order Imposing Fine
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A brief enforcement hearing was held July 23, 2002 in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, Olympia, Washington to consider the Respondent's apparent failure to timely file the Statement of Financial Affairs, PDC Form F-1, due by April 15, 2002, a violation of RCW 42.17.240.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17 RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Michael Connelly was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Philip Stutzman, Director of Compliance. The Respondent was not present.

Brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to the Respondent on July 4, 2002. Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a city council member in the City of Kelso.
2. The Respondent was required to file a Statement of Financial Affairs (PDC Form F-1) by April 15, 2002.
3. The F-1 was filed May 22, 2002.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concluded as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17.240 by failing to file the Statement of Financial Affairs by April 15, 2002.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

This is an initial order of the Public Disclosure Commission. The Respondent may request a review of this order by the entire Commission. The request may be made orally or in writing, and must be received at the Public Disclosure Commission's office within 21 days after service of this order. If the Respondent requests a review, no penalty need be paid until after the Commission rules on the request.

IF NO REQUEST FOR REVIEW IS RECEIVED WITHIN 21 DAYS, THIS ORDER WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSION, AND THE RESPONDENT WILL BE LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO PAY THE PENALTY PURSUANT TO RCW 42.17.395, UNLESS AN APPEAL IS MADE PURSUANT TO RCW 42.17.395.

Entered this 25th day of July, 2002.

Public Disclosure Commission

/s/

Vicki Rippie
Executive Director